

## **Dispersal Zones – Update noted.**

**8** There was submitted and noted a report by Chief Superintendent Emma Croft, Police Scotland providing an overview of the Glasgow City Centre Dispersal Zone, advising

- (1) that a dispersal zone was introduced in Glasgow City Centre on 20th March 2026 for a period of 3 months in an effort to support a safe, welcoming city centre;
- (2) that the dispersal zone, as detailed in the report, was a preventative tool that would allow Police Scotland to take further proportionate, targeted action to address anti-social behaviour and associated criminality within the city centre and would assist police and partners to address issues that were of longstanding concern to residents, businesses and members of the public;
- (3) of statistical information in relation to crimes that had been identified through targeted policing operations that had been carried out from November 2025 and February 2026 following rises in violent crime, anti-social offences and crimes against society;
- (4) of the governance measures that had been put in place to support the introduction of the dispersal zone, the thresholds that had to be met by individuals/groups before a dispersal order was imposed and the anticipated outcomes, as detailed in the report;
- (5) of the longer term activity that was planned to improve the feeling of safety within the city, which would result in an Environmental Visual Audit assessment being undertaken to support partner agencies and statutory bodies and identifying points of concern and would be shared live time with relevant stakeholders to support any immediate remedial recommendations; and
- (6) that following analysis of the success of other dispersal zones that had been used previously, it was expected that this multi-faceted approach to operational policing, combined with longer-term problem solving had the potential to improve the experience of those who lived, worked and visited the city centre, and would deliver against the Violence Against Women and Girls strategy and support a number of community safety outcomes.